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**LOUISVILLE TAX RETURN PREPARER SENTENCED TO 1 ½ YEARS  
IMPRISONMENT FOR FILING FALSE TAX RETURNS**

*– \$116,000 of fraudulent filings*

Louisville, KY - **Robert L. Bootes**, age 72, Louisville, Bowling Green, Kentucky, in Warren County, was sentenced to 1 ½ years imprisonment in United States District Court, Louisville, for 20 counts of willfully aiding and assisting in the false preparation and filing of federal income tax returns in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7206(2), U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today. Jennifer B. Coffman, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Bootes to one year supervised release following incarceration. Bootes had previously pleaded guilty to these charges.

In his guilty plea Bootes admitted that between April 1999 and continuing until April 2002 he willfully prepared and filed fraudulent tax returns on at least 20 different occasions. On the fraudulent tax returns he provided a number of false statements to the Internal Revenue Service, including false charitable donations, medical expenses, and business losses, to generate refunds or to avoid taxes being owed. Bootes falsely created these deductions in order to generate fraudulent refunds. The total amount of lost taxes to the United States caused by his fraudulent actions was over \$116,000.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bryan Calhoun, and it was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigations.

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